



CALIFORNIA BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING

The following information is compiled from applicable chapters of Title 19 (Zoning) of the Municipal Code.

California beverage container recycling facilities are allowed *only within convenience zones* in the C-1, C-1-A, C-2, C-3, M-1 and M-2 Zones subject to the requirements and definitions outlined below:

DEFINITIONS:

“Beverage container” means any individual bottle, can, jar, carton or similar receptacle which is redeemable pursuant to the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act of 1986 and any other aluminum beverage container;

“Beverage container recycling facility” means a site where beverage containers as defined above may be redeemed for cash or other compensation. Said facility may be a reverse vending machine(s), mobile recycling unit or indoor collection center;

“California beverage container recycling center” means a facility designed to only recycle California beverage containers; e.g.: reverse vending machines;

“Convenience zone” means any geographic area designated by the California Department of Conservation as requiring the presence of one or more recycling facilities, mobile recycling units or reverse vending machines pursuant to the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act of 1986;

“Mobile recycling unit” means a properly licensed automobile, truck, trailer or van which is used for the collection of recyclable beverage containers. Also included in this definition are bins, boxes or containers transportable by said vehicles;

“Reverse vending machine” means an automated mechanical device which accepts one or more types of empty beverage container including but not limited to aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles and issues a cash refund or redeemable credit voucher for not less than the redemption value of the container as determined by the state. A reverse vending machine may sort and process containers mechanically provided the entire process is enclosed within the machine;

“Reverse vending machine--bulk type” means a reverse vending machine occupying more than fifty square feet or a group of two or more machines occupying an aggregate of one hundred square feet or more or a single machine or group of machines having an overall height of ten feet or more.

REQUIREMENTS BY FACILITY TYPE:

Indoor collection center if operated as an adjunct to a business which sells beverages for off-site consumption. Exterior signing is limited to one unlighted identification sign and one hours-of-operation sign, each not to exceed sixteen square feet.

One or more **reverse vending machines** subject to the following criteria:

- C Such machine(s) shall *not* meet the definition of reverse vending machine--bulk type;
- C No more than three colors shall be used on each machine or group of machines subject to design review staff approval;
- C Signing shall be limited to the surface area of the machine(s) and no other signing shall be permitted;
- C The machine(s) location shall be within thirty feet of a building entry and shall abut such building;
- C The machine(s) shall be situated no closer than one hundred feet to any property zoned for or occupied by a residence(s);
- C The machine(s) shall not unreasonably interfere with pedestrian or vehicular circulation nor vehicular parking;
- C The machine(s) shall not exceed reasonable noise limits;
- C Only one machine or group of machines shall be allowed per commercial or industrial property.

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Reverse vending machine--bulk type subject to the granting of an annual recycling center use permit which shall be valid for one year from the date of issue in accordance with the procedure and criteria set forth below.

Procedure

- C The Planning Director or the Planning Director's authorized representative shall review the temporary use permit application for compliance with the Zoning Code and shall approve or deny the application within five working days. Approval of a temporary use permit does not constitute approval of any other required permits. Failure to comply with the limitations contained in the Zoning Code shall be grounds for denial of a temporary use permit. Notice of approval or denial shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States mail or conveyed personally to the applicant or the applicant's representative.
- C Any person aggrieved or affected by a decision of the Planning Director in denying a temporary use permit may appeal to the City Council in writing within ten days after notice of the decision is given. The decision of the City Council shall be final.
- C If in the judgment of the Planning Director or the Planning Director's authorized representative, a proposed temporary use, even if in compliance with the Zoning Code may have a substantial adverse impact on public health, safety or welfare, the Planning Director may elect not to approve a temporary use permit and may refer the application for disposition by the City Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Criteria

- C No more than three colors shall be used on each machine or group of machines subject to design review staff approval;
- C The machine(s) shall be situated no closer than one hundred feet to any property zoned for or occupied by a residence(s);
- C The machine(s) shall not unreasonably interfere with pedestrian or vehicular circulation nor vehicular parking;
- C The machine(s) shall not exceed reasonable noise limits;
- C Only one machine or group of machines shall be allowed per commercial or industrial property
- C The minimum setback from any street shall be fifty feet;
- C Signs shall be limited to one unlighted identification sign and one hours-of-operation sign, each not to exceed sixteen square feet per sign.

Mobile recycling unit subject to the granting of a recycling center use permit as set forth in the procedure above and to the following criteria:

- C The unit shall be located on a site occupied by one or more commercial or industrial businesses;
- C All beverage containers shall be stored in opaque enclosures so as not to be readily visible;
- C Unless otherwise screened from off-site view, the unit shall be no closer than fifty feet from any street and any property zoned for or occupied by a residence(s). Additional setback may be required to mitigate exposure of the unit to the street or adjacent property;
- C The total area occupied by the unit shall not exceed five hundred square feet;
- C No more than three colors shall be used on the unit;
- C Signing shall be limited to one unlighted identification sign and one hours-of-operation sign, each not to exceed sixteen square feet per mobile recycling unit side;
- C The unit shall not unreasonably interfere with pedestrian or vehicular circulation nor vehicular parking and shall not consume any required parking space(s);
- C The unit shall be screened from adjacent properties and streets by landscaping or other screening as deemed appropriate by the Planning Department;
- C The unit shall be attended at all times during operating hours;
- C The unit shall operate a minimum of thirty hours per week but shall be limited to the hours between nine a.m. to seven p.m. unless otherwise approved by the Planning Department.